

**DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday 11 May 2015**

**SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL**

**1. PRESENT**

Chair Ed Marshall, Heidi Robbins, Christine Bailey, Mark Firth, Matt Pollard, Treasurer Tony Smith, James Arrowsmith, Elaine Gargett, District Councillor Barry Bowles, Sheila Firth (Clerk). Parishioners Norman Grey, George Scholey & Steve Fenning, PCSO Aaron Stocks.

**2. Apologies**

There were none.

**3. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Minutes agreed, proposed by Matt Pollard, seconded by Christine Bailey.

**4. Matters Arising**

Mark Firth had been unable to attend the public meeting relating to the proposed Harworth Industrial Development due to work commitments.

**5. Correspondence**

A letter regarding the Infrastructure Levy had been received and passed to the Treasurer that included a list of projects suitable to attract funding. Many would depend on there being a village plan in place. DC Bowles advised that village plans are currently under discussion and Scrooby should put one in place.

A letter was received from Bassetlaw DC regarding the car wash recently opened at Hawk's Nest which currently does not have permission for change of use.

A letter had been received requesting a donation towards the First Responders in Bassetlaw, it was agreed that a donation of £50.00 should be made.

**6. District Councillor's Report**

Mr Barry Bowles was re-elected to the position of District Councillor, and was thanked for all his assistance to Scrooby over the previous year. He advised that he had already received many emails and correspondences regarding the proposed Harworth Industrial Development. The land proposed to be used is classed as brown field, although the land marked on the plan previously supplied would appear to be agricultural land. He would look into the matter of the planning for the Hawk's Nest car wash.

**7. Finance Report**

Treasurer Mr Tony Smith handed out his report, and the annual Statement of Accounts was completed and signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

The Village Hall insurance is due for renewal, despite other quotes having been received it was agreed that the policy would remain with AON as it has been for several years, as the cover is more comprehensive than other quotes would suggest. The matter would be discussed again with a view to reviewing insurance supplies for 2016.

#### **8. Police Report**

PCSO Aaron Stocks was in attendance and he gave his report. There had been 12 crimes in the beat area during April, none in Scrooby. Many of the crimes committed in the beat area were being committed by people coming to the area from South Yorkshire. A problem at the moment is quad bikes coming into the area, many of them stolen, and being used to steal fuel from vehicles on the A1, plus acts of trespass and other crimes. DC Bowles enquired if the police off road bike section was still being used, and PCSO Stocks confirmed that it was, and was being used in conjunction with the two police helicopters to track and effect arrests in connection with the quad bike crimes. Stolen quad bikes that are recovered are being seized.

A petition form had been received from Unison with regard to objecting to the proposed drastic cuts to community policing resources in 2015. This was signed by many members of the PC and passed to Aaron.

A Parishioner raised the matter of several teenagers who have been using the play house in the children's play area on the Croft, and he reported incidents of littering, loitering and use of bad language. These incidents were taking place late at night, and causing a disturbance, which combined with the discarded food and alcohol packaging and smoking waste he felt constituted a growing problem, and an inappropriate use of the play equipment and play area. PCSO Stocks stated that future instances should be reported, and that he would include a patrol of the play area on his beat. He confirmed that any other matters of concern to the village should be reported. PCSO Stocks was thanked for his report and support at the meeting.

#### **9. Planning & Village Plan**

A planning application has been received regarding extension work to Ashlea, there were no objections to the application. James Arrowsmith would send an email of consent from the PC. The plan for modification to the Methodist Chapel windows was approved. Preparation of a revised Neighbourhood Plan would be considered.

#### **10. Play Area**

The invoice for the new play equipment had been received. No date has yet been arranged for delivery and installation of the equipment but it is imminent.

In relation to the issue raised of teenagers in the play area, it was discussed whether the roof of the play house should be removed as this would not affect the use of the climbing wall and slide for young children. The structure is to be examined with regard to this possibility.

**11. Village Hall**

A quote has been received for the re-decoration of the Village Hall porch area. Notts CC to be approached by the Clerk in connection with possible assistance with funding for the installation of a new wall-mounted lockable notice board for the use of the Parish Council. Notts CC to be informed of the broken windscreen glass on the Great North Road opposite the bus shelter.

A quote for new curtains for the Village Hall has been received, at a cost of £1,675.00 to £1,840.00 to include the fabric, blackout lining and installation. New finials need to be provided if the existing curtain poles are to be re-used. Elaine Gargett & James Arrowsmith to proceed with this matter.

**12. Village Environment & Railway Crossing**

Nothing has been received from Network Rail recently about their proposed treatment of the railway crossing in Scrooby.

Mark Firth now has a new contact for the Lengthsman Scheme and will arrange a meeting to discuss the work that is required.

**13. Pilgrim Fathers Visitors Centre and Mayflower 400**

DC Bowles confirmed that there was nothing new to report on this matter. The next meeting of the Pilgrim Fathers Originals Society will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> May and the Chair will attend. The Chair confirmed that Enterprise Inns were still supportive of the development of the barn behind the Pilgrim Fathers public house in connection with the proposed visitor centre. Sandra Whittington had suggested to the Chair that some form of Thanksgiving Ceremony should be held in Scrooby in 2015. DC Bowles had recently attended a meeting at Newstead Abbey about tourism in the area, including the pilgrim fathers aspect, and reported that there appeared to be an increase of interest, with many people in the UK and from overseas, mainly the United States, interested in visiting Scrooby and therefore a visitor centre would be an asset.

**14. Any Other Business**

The Chair thanked the parishioners for their support in attending the meeting.

The Chair proposed that Julie Dunstan be co-opted to the Parish Council, this was agreed.

It was agreed that the [www.Scrooby.net](http://www.Scrooby.net) website was a suitable and appropriate place for minutes of PC meetings to be published. Tony Smith suggested that was where the audit of accounts should also be accessed, uploaded as a PDF document for public access.

There is fly tipping on land at Mill Lane again, the land owners are to be notified.

The telephone box is to be repainted.

The matter of a defibrillator and training in its use is to be raised at the next PC meeting.

Scrooby Parish Council

Following the May election the elected members of Scrooby Parish Council are:

Chairman: Ed Marshall

Vice Chair: Heidi Robbins

Councillors: Matt Pollard, Christine Bailey, Mark Firth, James Arrowsmith, Elaine Gargett

Treasurer: Tony Smith

Clerk: Sheila Firth

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Next meeting Monday 8 June 2015, 7.30 pm, Scrooby Village Hall